New Railway Line from Todepalligudem to Khammam

2099. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways has done a survey on the possibility of having a new Railway line between Todepalligudem junction and Khammam in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that high congestion and geographical position of Vijayadwada is delaying train journeys;

(c) whether a direct line between Todepalligudem and Khammam would have a positive impact on Coastal and Northern Andhra; and

(d) the steps proposed to find a solution to reduce distance, delays and economic losses by having a by-pass between Todapelligudem and Khammam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) No assessment in this regard has been done.

(d) Does not arise.

Development of Hoshiarpur station

2100. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the development of Hoshiarpur station (district head quarter) in Punjab has not been up to the mark;

(b) the expenditure incurred on the development of the said station during the last three years ending 31st December, 2006;

(c) whether there are any plans to suitably develop the station during 2007-08, if so, the details thereof indicating the expenditure to be incurred for the purpose; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.